



FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a restful holiday and feel energized ready for the Christmas term. Over the holidays lots was going on at school. You may have noticed how Mrs. Whitehouse and Mr. Smith have been transforming the music studio. What a fantastic improvement! This is phase one as, before any full refurbishment inside happens, we need to have the flat roof replaced. Mrs. Clarke was successful in securing a grant for playground markings and I'm sure all the children have enjoyed the 100 number line on the long path in addition to the other markings which have appeared!

Sarah Joskey, Headteacher

CLASS NEWS!

Reception This week we have been learning how to read a spell some CVC words e.g. pop. We have also enjoyed listening to some of the songs from our Christmas play.

Year 1 Year 1 have been busy learning about how to safe on bonfire night. We have started learning our number bonds and been writing our own firework poems.

Year 2- We have had fun this week exploring the school grounds and spotting lots of different plants and animals in their natural habitats!

Year 3 Year three have been busy learning about remembrance this week and the impact the war had on ordinary people. We had a fantastic morning on Wednesday singing with other schools at Churchill primary.

Year 4 This week Year 4 have been solving two-step word problems in numeracy and have begun to investigate bird feeders as part of our new DT unit. We have also started to explore persuasive language looking closely at an RSPB charity leaflet.

Year 5 Class 5 had their first run through and have been reading a book that contains short stories that aren't all they seem! All children are very excited about the upcoming play and I'd like to thank all members of the family who helped them learn lines.

Year 6 Year 6 having enjoyed starting their new Literacy unit based on the book - Drove of Bullocks. The main focus of the book is collective nouns for animals. Each animal description talks about its characteristics. The children have enjoyed learning about the different collective nouns for the animals.

RSPB Workshops – 7th (Y3, Y4 & Y2) & 14th (Y5, Y6 & Y1) November

The RSPB will be joining us in school on the above dates for “outdoor” workshops exploring and mapping habitats in our school grounds. All children will need a coat and suitable footwear (wellies preferably) in school on these dates. If you are able to help on these days please see class teachers and make them aware.

Raise the Roof!

Years 3 and 4 had a wonderful morning at the singing extravaganza 'Raise the Roof' on Wednesday. The children looked magnificent in their costumes and flag-headaddresses and were all in excellent voice! They sang a range of songs from around the world, and some children also had the opportunity to play instruments and help to lead the singing. The children and staff all had a wonderful time, and many comments were received about the children's excellent behaviour! Well done to everyone involved!

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY IN TERMS 1 & 2

November

Fri 3rd Nov - PTA Fireworks, Wrighton Rec
(details in the PTA section)

Friday 10th November – Individual & sibling
photos – 8.30am

Friday 10th November – PTA Film Night – sold
out!

Friday 17th November – Children in Need

December

Tuesday 5th December – panto

Fri 8th December - School Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 12th Dec – KS1 & KS2 performances

Wed 13th Dec – KS1 & KS2 performances

January

Thursday 4th January – INSET DAY

Friday 5th January – INSET DAY

Monday 8th January – all children back to
school

CERTIFICATES AWARDED

Year 1

Star Writers: Amelia, Barnaby,
Amelie, Ruby, Sophie and Daisy A.

Year 4

25 Reads Certificates

Dylan, Francis, Jacob Thursby, Lyra,
Seth, Martino, Ailidh, Charlie, Finn

Chess Award - Lyra

Year 2

Excellent progress in their Bonds and
Badges:

Bobby Chiverton, Jacob Danaher,
Matilda Gazzard, Olly Smith, Romeo
Goodhand, Jack Holway

12 children received Reading Merits



Bonfire Lunch – Tomorrow - Friday 3rd November

Don't forget Mrs Grant will be serving a special bonfire lunch tomorrow – hot dog/vegetarian hot dog, chips, beans/coleslaw and toffee apple flapjack. Advance orders will not be taken, meals will be ordered in the normal way.

Reminder - School Photos

Tulip Photography will be with us again on **Friday 10th November** for individual and sibling photos. If you have younger siblings who are not yet at school and would like a family photo taken the hall will be open from 8.30am until 9am for this. Please note that family photos will need to finish at 9am sharp to enable us to complete all school photos before lunchtime. If we have an “unhappy” youngster you may be asked to wait until the end of the session to ensure everyone gets a chance to have a photo taken, thank you for your understanding.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE WEEK

Year 1 – Music making



Reception children have been looking out for signs of autumn, they saw leaves changing colour, bright berries, as well as having a final dig to harvest a rather splendid carrot!



Year three and four went to Churchill Primary on Wednesday and had a great experience singing with three other schools. The children sang a variety of songs from around the world and in different languages...well done to all the children, you were brilliant!





PTA News

PTA – Fireworks – Friday 3rd November, Wington Rec
Gates open 5.45 – fireworks 6.45 – see you there!

Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December

Do you love to bake? Isobel Mills has very kindly produced a Christmas Cake for our 'Guess the weight of the cake' stall at the annual PTA Christmas Fair for many years. She has now left the school with her youngest moving up to year 7 and we are on the lookout for someone who may be willing to donate a Christmas cake for this year's fair (no obligation to repeat next year!). The Fair will be held on Friday 8th December. If you think you could help please speak to Ruth Wall or Jenny Weeks or let the office know. Thank you!

School Library – open every Monday 3.15pm – 3.30pm – come along with your child.

Clubs

ADVANCE NOTICE: There will be no orchestra on Friday 10th November due to school photos being taken.

LOOKING AHEAD:

Friday 17th November
Children in Need Day

Tuesday 5th December
Whole School Panto trip

Wednesday 6th December
Whole School Christmas Lunch
(further details in due course)
Christmas Jumper Day
(all children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on this day for a donation of £1 which will be sent to Save the Children)

Playground Markings

Over half term, we have had some additional playground markings installed, thanks to a grant from the Tesco Bags for Help Scheme. You may have noticed our new 'phonics pond' on the front playground, as well as some additional characters around the pirate ship. Our long pathway is now adorned with numbers 0-100, and the court at the top of the school are due to be re-lined shortly.

ATTENDANCE

Overall attendance last week (16/10):
95.45%
Well done for first place to:
Year 4 99.26%

LETTERS HOME

None this week!

Reminder - Children in Need

On **Friday 17th November** we will be supporting Children in Need by asking the children to wear something **spotty** in exchange for a £1 donation. We will also be raising funds by collecting old £1 coins, which are now out of circulation. So please have a good look in your money boxes or down the back of the sofa to see if you have any hiding! You can bring them into your class teacher until Friday 17th and we will see which class has found the most!



School email address

With immediate effect our new school email address is office@wingtoncofeprimary.org. This email should be used for all communication with the school. The old email is being monitored but will cease to function on 1st January 2018. Please amend your records accordingly.



Sporting success

At the end of October, Wrighton took part in two highly competitive cross country events at Churchill Academy and BGS. What a triumph it was with all the children representing the school magnificently! Particularly successful were Francis and Ben in Y4 with 1st and 2nd places respectively in both competitions. Wrighton's Y 5/6 girls won the Churchill competition and at BGS, Y5 girls were awarded bronze and Y6 boys won silver. Bravo to them all! Thank you to Ms. Matthews for her excellent coaching!

INSET day information

The staff were very busy on Monday!

- We reviewed the way in which we ensure a broad and balanced curriculum;
- We looked at how Development Teams are going to be involved in an exciting new oracy project called Wrighton Parliament.
- As part of our School Development Plan we are exploring ways of further digitalizing our practice. We had training on a new teacher app to review children's progress in their day to day work
- The office staff have begun training on a parent communication app which we will be launching later in the year so watch this space!

Governor elections

Reminder for Nominations for Governor elections –deadline extended until tomorrow Friday 3rd November at noon!

Final plea.....do you like to bake? Could you make a cake?
Could you help raise funds for your child's school?

Please see the PTA notice and if you can help Ruth Wall would love to hear from you.....we have not had any offers ☹



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